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LETTER DATED 8 JUNE 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF RWANDA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a note verbale, dated 1 June 1994, addressed to you by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Rwanda, concerning the situation in Rwanda.

In this note, the Government of Rwanda, while expressing regret that the Rwandese Patriotic Front (RPF) is obstinately pursuing its logic of war with massive support from Uganda, urgently appeals to the Security Council to take the action necessary to bring about a cessation of hostilities and to compel Uganda to withdraw the men and the arms it has supplied to RPF.

In this connection, the Government of Rwanda requests that its complaint concerning the aggression committed by Uganda against Rwanda, which was the subject of its letter of 16 May 1994 (see S/1994/586), be considered at the earliest possible opportunity in order to restore peace in Rwanda and avert a conflagration in the subregion.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jean-Damascène BIZIMANA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Note verbale dated 1 June 1994 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Rwanda addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Rwandese Republic presents its compliments to the President of the Security Council and has the honour to draw his attention to the following.

1. The Government of Rwanda welcomes the strengthening of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR) and the expansion of its mandate pursuant to Security Council resolution 918 (1994) of 17 May 1994.

The Government of Rwanda regrets, however, that the Rwandese Patriotic Front (RPF), obstinately pursuing its logic of war with massive support from Uganda, persists in violating paragraph 1 of section A of the above-mentioned resolution.

By opting to pursue its war of aggression against Rwanda through its proxy, RPF, Uganda is preventing the deployment of the strengthened UNAMIR and the performance of the Mission's functions.

The Government of Rwanda urgently appeals to the Security Council to take the action necessary to bring about a cessation of hostilities and to compel Uganda to withdraw the men and the arms it has supplied to RPF.

The Government of Rwanda considers, moreover, that the complaint which it lodged on 16 May 1994 concerning Uganda's aggression should be considered at the earliest possible opportunity in order to restore peace in Rwanda and avert a conflagration in the subregion.

2. In view of the stubborn refusal of RPF to engage in a dialogue with the Government of Rwanda on the establishment of a cease-fire and the settlement of the political problems that have arisen, the Security Council should consider, inter alia, the deployment of a buffer force capable of compelling the parties to desist from the fighting.

3. The Government of Rwanda reiterates its position concerning the embargo which has been imposed against Rwanda while the other party to the conflict continues to enjoy unimpeded access to arms and even troops supplied by its allies, who are accomplices in the aggression against Rwanda.

The Government of Rwanda believes that the embargo imposed against Rwanda in fact encourages the aggressor to seek a military victory and hence to escalate the hostilities and increase the suffering of the population. This is what has happened in Rwanda since the adoption of resolution 918 (1994).

There is therefore an urgent need for an embargo against the aggressor rather than against the victim of the aggression. The latter must be able to exercise its right of self-defence under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

4. The Government of Rwanda reiterates its request that the numerical strength and the logistical means of the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda (UNOMUR) be increased so that the Mission will be better able to carry out its assigned tasks.

The Government of Rwanda would like the Security Council to deal with this note as a matter of urgency.